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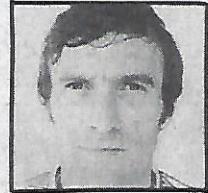
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• Dez Marton — two goals.



• Oscar Crino — best player.

## BOTTALICO HITS AT SCHEINFUG

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Lee Scheinfug



Fil Bottalico

• Fil Bottalico fired a broadside at opposing coach Lee Scheinfug on the eve of the APIA v. Marconi all-Italian derby at Henson Park, Maricville.

Bottalico is angry that Scheinfug signed APIA's star full back Paul Carter.

Asked how he thought APIA would fare against Marconi, Bottalico said:

"It will be hard against Marconi this year, because they've got the national coach down there, and he's pinching all the players from other teams."

"It's easy to do that if you're national coach, because players want to play for the national team, and they think they might make it if they join the national coach."

"I've always admired Lee as a coach, but I think he's doing the wrong thing."

Asked whether he was alleging that Scheinfug was trying

Likely line-ups:

APIA: Bob Parks — Ian Gray, Arno Bertogna, Mark Pullen or Jim Bottalico, Mark Brown — Terry Butler, Jim Ziria, Peter Tredinnick — John Bradley, Kerry Cavan, Tony Morsello.

Tony Morsello.

MARCONI: Bruce James — Jovan Djordjevic, Bertie Mariani, Steve Calderon, Paul Carter — John Spanes, Tony Henderson, Tommy McCulloch, René Licitra, David Lowe, Rod Brown.

to lure players from various clubs, Bottalico said: "No, just APIA, just Carter."

Carter initially was transfer-listed at \$25,000 by APIA, but had that price reduced to \$15,000 on appeal. Marconi signed him for about \$13,000.

Bottalico's bitterness is understandable, perhaps, as he's lost also Sebastian Giampao and Water Valeri to Inter Monaro, but why accuse Scheinfug, a coach trying like any other, to strengthen his own club?

## '84 KICKS OFF

Round One of the 1984 NSL season:

SUNDAY

Australian Conference

Blacktown v. Sydney City Hakoah at Gabbie Stadium, 4 pm.

Canberra v. Wollongong at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

APIA v. Marconi at Henson Park, 3 pm.

Melita v. Sydney Croatia at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.

Penrith v. Newcastle at Cook Park, 3 pm.

St George v. Olympic at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

National Conference

West Adelaide v. Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Brisbane City v. Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

Juventus v. Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

Makedonia v. J.U.S.T. at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

Hellas v. Heidelberg at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Sun-George Cross v. Ajax at Chaplin Reserve 3 pm.

## BATTLE OF THE BABES

CANBERRA: Tony Franken — Paul Ontong, Tony Redmond, Andrew Young, Roy Jones — Steve Hogg, Ray June, Steve Bryant, Andrew Brockbank — Mark Perinovic, Alan Reis.

WOLLONGONG: Ron Tilled — David Green, Larry Gaffney, Ray Vlietstra, Phil Kerr — Alex Bundalo, Peter Kotamandis, Brian Condron, Steve Ristevski, Glenn Fontana, Peter Beggs.

It's the battle of the babes at Bruce Stadium on Sunday when Adrian Alston takes his youngsters from Wollongong down to Canberra to meet Doug Collins' kids.

"Our strengths are our keenness and our spirit. There's an absolutely tremendous atmosphere around the place," said Alston.

"I've gone for the best young kids available. I don't just want to put out a lot of kids who are going to kick for six months. I'm looking to build a side."

Collins also is in the team-building game. He's had his sights firmly set on Andrew Brockbank and Hilton

Phillips for the past two seasons and both have joined him at Canberra. Brockbank is from Kurinjung and Phillips from Manly.

Alston claims that midfield is one of his best lines, even though his three in this area are very inexperienced — Alan Bundalo, 17, Peter Kotamandis, 18, and Brian Condron, 21.

Experienced goal-keeper Ron Tilled is the 'Wolves' captain. Alston will rely heavily on Tilled's leadership qualities.

Wollongong's most experienced performer so far has been young David Green. Formerly a forward, Green is revealing in his new role at right back. Larry Gaffney, who recently re-



Larry Gaffney  
signed, will play sweeper with Ray Vlietstra, the youth team star, as stopper.

Wollongong's most experienced line is in defence and for this reason, I expect the Wolves to leave Canberra with a point.

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Now coach Savas (Sam) Salabasidis has transformed West Adelaide-Hellas remarkably. Even Bob D'Otavio says so, and Adelaide City Juventus, the club of which D'Otavio is the soccer director, has to face West Adelaide in the first NSL round at Hindmarsh Stadium on March 4.

"West Adelaide definitely is playing better and more attractive soccer than it was last year," D'Otavio said.

"But I don't think there's enough experience in the side. Adelaide City is much more experienced, and that's why I think we'll beat them."

Frank Karagiannis, team manager of West Adelaide-Hellas, counters by saying: "Adelaide City may be more experienced, but we're much fitter and much faster. We've been winning all our games in the second half, because of our greater fitness."

Karagiannis expands on the change that has come over his players since they started to be coached by Salabasidis: "They're playing a faster, one-touch game which is good to watch, and the boys all respect him. He knows the game, and he's got a gift for teaching it."

Salabasidis, 45, returned to Australia after playing for Apollon Kalamaria — the team for which he played in the sixties — into the Greek First Division.

He's been a wanderer since first coming to Australia to play for South Melbourne Hellas in 1980.

## 'New' Westad under Sam Salabasidis

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Gary Sprout — Ian McGregor, Neil McGeachy, Graham Honeyman, John Papazoglou — Tom Totsikas, Steve Atsalas, George Konstandopoulos, John Panagis — Nick Malavas, Tim Brown.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: Willie McNally — Joe Ciceri, Neville Flounders, Buzby Myska, Paul Shillibear — Les Carter, Sergio Molta, Charlie Villani — Mark Gatenby, Joe Mullen, Steve Maxwell.

That year — Hellas's first year of competition after it was formed through an amalgamation between Hellenic, Yarram Park and South Melbourne United — the club won the First Division North championship by 12 points, and was undefeated in the league. Salabasidis' team-mates included George Papadopoulos, Harry Vamvakas, Jim Mantalidis, Stefan Fortunatos and the great John Margaritis, now coach of Juventus in Melbourne.

Salabasidis himself had played for Panathinaikos before coming to Australia.

After two seasons with SM-Hellas, he crossed the border to join West Adelaide-Hellas, but his playing career was interrupted over a scandal involving an attack on a referee.

Salabasidis protested his innocence, but was suspended for life.

The suspension later was cut down to one year, but instead of resuming his soccer career in Adelaide, Salabasidis returned to Greece, where he played for six years with Apollon Kalamaria.

Next stop for the brilliant midfielder was Darwin, where, as coach, he led Hellenic to all the honors available in Northern Territory soccer over a period of four years.

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However, George Cross remains probably the slowest side in the league, even though it does have quite a bit of experience in John Stevenson, Jim O'Reilly, Steve Richardson, Slobodan Jovanovic and Mick McGorian.

Couch Tommy Traynor acknowledges that he may have problems.

"Every point we gain will be like a victory, unless we get a few players," he said.

Traynor will opt for a four-man midfield, to keep things tight, unless Latif crosses over from Croatia in time. He then may go for a three-man attack of Latif, Carl Gilder and Don MacLaren.

Without Latif, the midfield probably will be Stevenson, McGorian, Jovanovic and either Norrie Pate, Alan Kerr or Steve Richardson.

Pate is more of a forward,

## Boland, Wade on show?

From page one

Kerr is the slowest of the trio, so he probably will go to Rutherford, where he has the bite of a defender, and the experience of having been with Glasgow Rangers.

The defense picks itself — Gerry Bennett, O'Reilly, Steve Scerri as stopper and Chris Taylor at left back.

Taylor, incidentally, looks very much the star of this team. Fast, fit, aggressive, he will be relied upon to build up play on the left, along with Jo-vanovic.

Ajax president Guy Spiteri appeals to the fans to give

coach Jimmy Rooney enough time in which to mould a new side.

"We are giving youngsters the chance to prove themselves and that takes time, but I believe that the Beranic brothers, Ronnie Kremers and Fab Mancini have what it takes to make it."

As we went to Press, Ajax hoped to have Paul Wade transferred from Croydon to play in the first game.

Wade claimed his contract with Croydon allowed him to transfer for \$2000, but Croydon wanted more.

The same controversy had applied in the case of Croydon left back Gary Hobson, but Hobson won his case when he appealed to the VSF.

Wade will take the place of Peter Boyle, who has transferred to Fawkner.

The hassles over Peter Lewis and Paul Lee continue with Spiteri threatening to take court action against the NSL and ASF to prevent them from hearing the players' appeals against their fees.

In other transfer news, Tommy Traynor has been impressed by former State defender Steve Kokosa, who has been training with George Cross, and says he will make a bid for him.

Kokosa still is tied to Croatia, where he played until a knee injury interrupted his career about 18 months ago.

As for the match, the likely result is a draw.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

# Bottalico hits at Scheinflug

From page one

Says Scheinflug: "APIA gave us two lessons last year. We'll hand out the lessons this time."

But he's far from happy with his team's form so far. "We played like cockroaches in the Ampol Cup but there's no reason to be panic button, because some of the players started late, and the team underwent a few changes. We'll be OK."

Bertie Mariani, one of Marconi's favorite sons, is back after a season with APIA, and it's likely he'll play in the middle of defence providing the stopper Scheinflug wants is not signed in the days before the match.

If he is signed, Jovan Djordjevic may move to the sweeper's position, and Steve Calderan may play left back.

Joe Rizzatto remains sidelined with a torn ligament in his right knee (it was his left knee that previously was damaged), and Mark Jankovic is out with a calf injury.

It's a toss-up whether or not Steve Winn will get a position in attack, but it's more likely that he'll be on

the bench, along with Ricky Budini, and that the attack will read: Winn and Brown as the strikers, and Licata on the left.

Tony Henderson, who played sweeper for Marconi last year, will now switch to defensive midfield, the position he filled so successfully in the national team that won the Merlin Cup in Singapore last December.

APIA welcomed Arno Bergota back from Perth last week, and he will resume his position in the middle of the defence, alongside either Mark Pullen or Jim Bottalico. Pullen is in doubt because he has been ill.

Carl Spiteri, 17, has been training very well, but he is likely to be edged out of the right-back position by the more experienced Ian Gray.

The APIA teams will include two new players — Jim Ziras in midfield and Kerry Caban in attack.

Ziras, bought from Sydney Olympic, previously played as sweeper, but Bottalico will use him in central midfield, because of his skill and attacking ability.

Caban was brought from Newcastle KB United.

## BATTLE OF THE BABES

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The strongest department of the team appears to be the midfield trio of Lee Carter, Sergio Metta and Charlie Valani — all experienced and exceptionally skilled.

Standing by the wings are members of a new generation of Juve players — Paul Devito (midfielder and stopper), Robbie Alberto (stopper) and Ernesto Geroni (midfielder).

There's also Luis Casimiro,

who was with the club when Role Rasic was coach a few years ago, but who went to Darwin.

A skilful ball-playing wing-

er,

Casimiro was in Juve's State League team last year, and could force his way into the seniors during 1974. He is from Timor.

West Adelaide is making a last-moment bid to sign a player of some experience, but overall the Adelaide teams are at a disadvantage when it comes to recruiting.

"If you want to bring some-

one from interstate, they either have to be near the end of their career, or have big problems," Karagannis says.

"Otherwise, we can't compete with Sydney or Mel-

bourne. If a player is to come west, he'll ask for at least 30 percent more money than he's getting in Melbourne or Sy-

dney."

Joe Ciceri, from Juve's youth ranks, is promoted to fill the right back vacancy, as Glen Dods has decided to quit the club.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

ankle injury, but Collins was hopeful that both would be available.

If Ontong is unfit, young John Mihailidis will play right back.

Roy Jones seems certain to play left back, but Andrew Young and Jim Murray are fighting for the stopper's position. Tony Redmond, Canberra's 22-year-old English recruit, will play sweeper.

Wollongong definitely lacks bite up front. Steve Ristevski, Glenn Fontana and Peter Beggs from Sutherland, will take time to knit together. That suits Canberra, which also has completely revamped

its defensive make-up since last season.

Neither side can realistically eye the championship but at least they are playing a part in preparing Socceroos of the future. People with a keen interest in young talent will enjoy this clash for some of the best prospects in the land will be on show.

Nevertheless, I expect the home side's fans to be disappointed with the result. They probably expect Canberra to kick off the season with a win.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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# It's Croatia by a whisker in what should be a thriller!



Marijan Kovacic

Marijan Kovacic, who successfully renegotiated terms with Sydney Croatia last week after talks with Melbourne Croatia, could find himself on the bench for Sunday's clash against our rival Melita at Melita Stadium.

Sydney Croatia's build up to its first season in NSL ranks has seen coach Attila Abonyi try to develop an understanding in midfield between new signing Steve Meades and Drago Tomasich from Sutherland, Wally Savor and David Rezo.

"Steve Meades has a tremendous work rate but after seven years with us, he's still finding his feet in our side and getting used to our style of play," said Abonyi.

"Steve is the ball winner in the centre of our midfield. Wally Savor and David Rezo, who's done extremely well recently, are the wide midfielders and I like to see them get forward."

"We've been improving week by week and we're ready for Melita. We're after a good start and I think that we can win."

Croatia however, hasn't been scoring with a frequency which would put Abonyi much more at ease, going into this clash. The strength of his side, as it has been over the past few seasons, is in defense where goalkeeper Steve Watson is rated by Abonyi as

the best in Australia and the back four of Brett Woods, Bruno Vidic, Lee Sterrey and Drago Tomasich have a great understanding.

It's Croatia's lack of striking power that worries Abonyi most and he was trying to sign a top flight forward as we went to press. The same lack of scoring bite is accentuated when you look at Melita's defense, where the key-note is experience.

Croatia's central striker Graeme Arnold comes up against former APIA player Bobby McGinn. Arnold is powerful in the air and no doubt Abonyi will try to use the pace of Shane Clinch, wide on the right, and the remedial left foot of former Blacktown star Paul Kirwan on the other side, to get tellings crosses into the Melita area.

The clash between former Australian youth team star Howard Tredinnick, Melita's recent signing from Newcastle, and Clinch, who joined Croatia this year from Sutherland, will be a match highlight.

Melita will continue to play what coach Raul Blanco describes as a patient game. "Sure, the two sides can get you into the opposite area that's fine, but often it can't and you have to play a waiting game," said Blanco.

"We always give spectators good, clean, positive football to watch. That's what people want to see. There's a very healthy rivalry between us and Croatia. It's something that's developed over recent years and it is so very important for us to do well here. I make no bold predictions, other than to say that this will be a great game."

Blanco will be banking on the creativity of sweeper Ken Wilson to spark Melita from the back. Don Allen will have a defensive midfield role while Ray Farrugia, the Maltese international, and Billy Griffiths, will be expected to give forwards Dennis Duarte and Alex Jamieson enough of the ball to put Croatia's defense under pressure.

Blanco still hadn't decided who to use as his third forward as we went to press. Young Wayne Farnsworth and Stuart Johnson, the former Marconi player, probably will fight out that spot. Farnsworth may just edge out Johnson. Then

MELITA EAGLES: Alex McPherson - Col McAusland, Bobby McGinn, Ken Wilson, Howard Tredinnick - Ray Farrugia, Don Allen, Billy Griffiths - Alex Jamieson, Dennis Duarte, Wayne Farnsworth.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Steve Watson - Brett Woods, Bruno Vidic, Lee Sterrey, Drago Tomasich - Wally Savor, Steve Meades, David Rezo - Shane Clinch, Graeme Arnold, Paul Kirwan.

there's former APIA striker John McKie to consider.

Blanco has had great success in moving Allen from the forward line into midfield. He expects the former Olympian player to have a fine season in his new position.

The key to the outcome of this clash may lie in the transfer market. Croatia, well supported and well financed, may sign the quality striker Abonyi wants in time for this game.

The atmosphere will be electric at Melita Stadium and there's little doubt that one of the biggest crowds of the round will be in attendance.

The way these sides battled for 210 minutes and finally had the last laugh by a penalty show down in last year's State League Grand Final, points to a close tussle here. Croatia eventually won 4-3 on penalties last year but I've got a feeling that Abonyi's men will do enough in 90 minutes this weekend to grab both points.

- CRAIG MACKENZIE



Wayne Farnsworth



## Bannon quits Juventus

Pat Bannon (pictured) has quit Juventus and is available on a free transfer.

Juventus wanted him to stay on as assistant coach, but would not guarantee him a regular game.

"I still enjoy playing, so I've decided to go to a club where I'll get a run," Bannon, 36, said.

Bannon, a Victorian Rothmans Medallist, is a former captain and player-coach of Heidelberg-Alexander.

## Soccer ball to be won

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1. Which team won the 1962 Victorian State League championship?

2. Which team won the Northern NSW First Division, first-grade championship last year?

3. Name the players who scored for Queensland in its 3-0 victory over NSW at Perry Park last year?

4. Who was best and fairest in the Western Australian Second Division in 1983?

5. Who was voted Australian Referee of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association last year?

Last week's winner is: PAUL GORCZYNSKI, 19 Oxley Ave, Burndoor, Vic. 3083. The answers: 1. Attila Abonyi, 2. Sydney City Haikoah, 3. Footscray JUST, 4. Paul Tombidis, 5. Mt. Gravatt.



## Dods loss 'big blow'

New Zealand national team coach Allan Jones has described the retirement of Glen Dods as "a big blow to international football and club football."

Dods wrote a lengthy letter to Jones, stating that due to increased business commitments he was no longer able to play at top level.

He is a prominent physiotherapist in Adelaide.

The retirement is undoubtedly a setback for New Zealand's Olympic Games aspirations, as Dods' replacement in the first elimination series against the United States and Japan, Ron Armstrong, failed to assort himself and, at 32, has only a limited future.

Dods, 26, made 36 appearances for the "All Whites", the highlight of which was the excellent man-to-man marking of Oleg Blokhin (U.S.S.R.) during the World Cup cam-

The mystery surrounding the qualities of NSL fledgling Penrith City and financially crippled Newcastle may be partly unravelled at Cook Park this Sunday.

Pity poor Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser. Had he kept last year's squad intact and bought just two players he would have been in a position to take a crack at the championship.

Newcastle's well publicised financial problems quickly put an end to Kaiser's hopes for 1984. With the dust just settling from a series of setbacks which saw David Lowe, Bob Mountford, Howard Tredinnick, Grant Lee and Garry Watson leave and an NSL enquiry into Newcastle's economic plight, Kaiser has been unable to properly prepare his squad.

Newcastle's sole prepara-

tion game of note was its Prime Minister's Cup match against Canberra last weekend. Two local sides — Adams-town and Weston — have provided minor oppositions in recent weeks.

Newcastle thrashed Adams-town 6-1 and Kaiser thought so much of Weston's qualities that just two hours before the friendly match he put his players through a testing training session at the beach.

It's strange to see Penrith, in comparison with the far more established Newcastle, in a stronger and more settled situation as a team.

"I'm more than pleased with the way things are going. There's been a marked improvement with every game," said coach Willie Wallace.

"Okay, we're as new team, but don't forget that I've got a lot of experience in the side, in players like Peter Brogan, Micky Cross, Dave McIntosh, Ken Lindsay and Roy Cotton."

And that should be a major factor in Penrith winning its first ever league game.

Wallace's forward line of Cotton, Ian Hunter and former Blackpool and Macclesfield Town player Brian Jackson should pack too much punch for Newcastle, despite the good news that talented central defender Peter Burke had come to terms with the club over a contract for this season.

Former Marconi player Ken Lindsay and another Penrith import, ex-Rotherham, Watford and Notts Forest player Peter Nix, are vying for the central defensive position in Wallace's 4-3-3 formation. Both have bite and that's what Wallace expects in this position. The other midfielders probably will be former Bolton Wanderers player Dave Fitzharris and local product Ian Dunn.

Paul Daley, unusually young for a sweeper, nevertheless has been palying very well and Wallace predicts a huge future for him.

"He reads the game also well for a young player. I've

PENRITH CITY: Mike Gibson - Peter Brogan, Dave McIntosh, Paul Daley, Micky Cross - David Fitzharris, Peter Nix, Ian Dunn - Ian Hunter, Roy Cotton, Brian Jackson.

NEWCASTLE: Clint Gosling - Bernard Kirby, Peter Burke, Michael Boogaard, Andy Stankovic - Ralph Maier, Joe Senkalski, Craig Mason, David Jones - Malcolm McClelland, Simon Brandt.



been really happy with his progress," said Wallace.

It's former Olympic player Dave McIntosh who will have the stopper's responsibilities.

McIntosh is good in the air but that's not going to be the part of his game tested here for Newcastle, who will be trying to play balls into the feet of Malcolm McClelland and Simon Brandt and support them from

midfield.

It's a midfield where Newcastle has its strongest line. Ralph Maier will play wide on the right and coach Kaiser says that Maier has come on a treat this year. David Jones will play wide on the left, with

Penrith centre-back Dave McIntosh, formerly of Sydney Olympic. He'll partner Paul Daley against Newcastle's McClelland and Brandt.

Joe Senkalski and Craig Mason in central midfield roles. All four are fine players and Penrith will have to battle hard to win its fair share of the ball.

Nevertheless, Penrith has the better attack and that should be the deciding factor.

- CRAIG MACKENZIE

## SKILLED MIDFIELDER SEEKS CLUB



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# From starlets to stars — a giant step!



By ANDREW  
DETTERE

It is questionable whether we ever had a greater array of young talent in our soccer than right now. This is not merely the "official" and often distorted ASF view: it is the consensus of coaches, journalists and fans.

What is important, however, is how many of these will develop into truly class, high-quality players? How many of them will be worthy successors to former stars like Warren, Watkins, Richards, Ackroyd, Schaefer, Wilson, Abonyi, Rooney and Vojtek? These all had many of the essential ingredients for star status: character, charisma, flair and leadership.

Their successors, contented to be "one of the boys", almost instinctively driven by some mysterious natural forces, they emerged as keynotes performers, play-makers — stars.

Which of today's young brigade will follow them? Quite a few, perhaps — unless there is a serious break in their development.

One who is destined for stardom in South Melbourne's Open Cup is possibly the most polished young talent in the classic South American mould: very skilled, confident, elegant and creative. All he has to do is force his personality on the game, take the necessary chances and not be afraid of being "different."

Footscray's Vlatko Belic and Suleiman Curovic could

emulate Crino though they have more difficult tasks as they play for an eternally struggling team.

Adelaide City's Joe Mullen could be out new Vojtek or Nykohus; he has that precious knack for goals, half chances and also the necessary cheek to survive in crowded penalty boxes.

In Sydney, I would, subjectively, rate Marconi's Tom McCullough and Olympic's Jim Peacock as the "most likely to succeed."

Both should be among our best midfielders within a season or two — provided they won't be satisfied with being only parts of a larger machine.

All great modern midfielders — Giresse, Conti, Platini, Socrates, Robson, Tigana, Schuster etc — do a lot more than fetch, carry, tackle, cover and distribute, which are the basic demands of most coaches. Truly outstanding midfielders cannot be stereotyped players; they are the fashion designers of the team, the architects of the edifice.

McCullough, a player similar in style to the young Warren, should build more on his energy, dynamism and aggression; Petakas should exploit his stunning explosiveness and goal sense. It is up to them whether they will reach the top or will remain merely good players.

St George also has some exciting prospects — but only prospects.

Robbie Slater could be the first star hatched — if he could learn to keep his concentration for the whole match, not just part of it.

The younger Andrew Kocza and Peter Petkovski have the flair and skill — now they have to add that magic little extra to their play: a single-minded determination to succeed.

This is particularly difficult to attain among young strikers in their first or second senior season: they tend to respect too much their more

seasoned, "big name" opponents and thus take less chances.

But in today's game, with packed defences, tight marking and a great deal of physical contact, no striker can survive unless he is prepared and able to be unorthodox — outside and outwit the defender, with or without the ball.

Abonyi, Vojtek and Alston had that talent; today Dez Marston, John Kosmina, Sib Gampaolo, Doug Brown and Phil O'Connor come closest to that standard.

Of course, some others also could operate successfully without these qualities — but they had better have the physical attributes of a Gary Cole or Marshall Sober who survive on other virtues. I only can hope and pray that at least some of our most talented young players will have the intelligence, will and divine spark to emerge from their promising cocoons.

Trademark we have enough on the fields; what Australian soccer now needs is a few exceptional individuals to drag us a stop or two further up the ladder.

It is facing its customary devil — South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday — and never has been so poorly prepared, so unsettled. It surely must lose.

Big moves were afoot in the Heidelberg boardroom as we went to press, moves which directly would affect the future of the Hellas lions.

It is facing its customary devil — South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday — and never has been so poorly prepared, so unsettled. It surely must lose.

Faction fighting among Heidelberg administrators was to be settled, one way or the other, last Monday night. It could result in four players — Jeff Oliver, Charlie Yankos, Jim Campbell, Don MacLeod and Jim Tansey — being sold. It also could result in them being welcomed back into the Heidelberg fold with open arms.

That, of course, will have a major bearing on Heidelberg's performance here. With all five in the side, Heidelberg may suffer a meritorious defeat (no doubt a paradox in the idiom of the Greek soccer fan). Without them, it will be crushed.

Hellas, simply stated, has too many players of superior quality, is too well organised and too disciplined, not to control long periods of this traditional Greek derby. Hellas will be putting out a settled side, whereas the rumblings from many Heidelberg players

have been echoing around Melbourne's soccer circles for the past few weeks.

In naming Heidelberg's likely line-up, I've assumed that the club's board of directors makes the tragic mistake of not reconciling its impasse with Yankos, Tansey and Campbell.

If so, by about 5 pm on Sunday, those wise men may think again.

And who's going to stop Carl Halford and Oscar Crino?

Manfred Schaefer

Peter Wilson



## UPHEAVAL MEANS HEIDELBERG SURELY WILL LOSE

Heidelberg Alexander stands in front of the doors of the front door.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Peter Laumets — Bobby Russell, John Yzendoorn, Steve Blair, Chris Kalafatis — Alan Davidson, Carl Halford, Oscar Crino, Kenny Murphy — Doug Brown, Charlie Egan.

**HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER:** Jeff Oliver — Ian McKie, Don MacLeod, Joe Angulo, John Gabrielson — Theo Selimidis, Marcelo Salvo, Tiger Amanatidis — Theo Vagias, Mike Petersen, Scott Patterson.

Young John Gabrielson, a fine central defensive prospect, may find himself trying to adjust to a left back role as he attempts to plug the gap left by first Jim Tansey, then John Spanos. I wish him well, but in the electrifying atmosphere of a Greek derby at Middle Park, he'll need much more than good wishes.

How Heidelberg, without Yankos and Tansey in defence, hopes to contain Doug Brown and Charlie Egan, is unclear. How Heidelberg, with a threadbare squad last year, expects to sell good players and replace them with youngsters, is a mystery.

How Heidelberg hopes to combat Hellas here, however, is certain — with hope and a prayer. Neither will succeed.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Joe Mullen

## Can de Bruin's men draw with depleted Hakoah?

Blacktown, boosted by last week's signing of Socceroo striker Phil O'Connor from Heidelberg United, won't be overawed by the reputation of Sydney City Hakoah at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

"If we can hit them early we're in with a real chance. We've got to contain them in midfield and cut down the supply of balls to John Kosmina. Paul Kay's their main man in that department. He's playing really well in midfield at present," said Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin.

"Sure, they're a good side. Sure, they're going to be hard to beat but Blacktown is far better prepared for the NSL now than it was a few years ago," he added, referring to Blacktown's relegation from the NSL in 1981.

And few sides will have a better chance of toppling classy Hakoah off its perch. Hakoah players like Watson, Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Willie Murray and Grant Lee have had little match practice as they've been haggling with the club over terms for this season. That means that Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson has been forced to use youngsters throughout the recent Ampol Cup competition while more experienced players stood on the sideline.

However, there has been a most positive result to Hakoah's and Thomson's dilemma. Graeme Fletcher has come of age.

Fletcher always has been promising but he'd only played a couple of NSL games with the club. He recently left the Wollongong home and moved to Sydney. That move coincided with him getting his chance in the first team and he's grabbed it with open arms, scoring regularly and impressing many observers.

He's not the only Hakoah youngster to impress recently. Mike Lynch in defence and Ian Rodrigues and Jean-Paul de Marigny also have caught the eye.

That means that Thomson, should the "rebels" come to terms with the club as expected, will have great depth in his squad. That, of course, as well as quality, has been Hakoah's hallmark throughout the NSL.

Should Thomson have to use youth team players in his starting line-up, this no doubt would be a bonus for Blacktown. Nevertheless, recent Hakoah efforts in the Ampol Cup suggest that whatever side Thomson fields, the Gabbie Stadium boys are in for testing times.

O'Connor's presence certainly will give Blacktown added fire-power. Alongside local product John Larkin, O'Connor will be expected to worry the life out of Hakoah's back four. Like O'Connor, Larkin is very quick and turns opponents well. He's prepared to do a determined battle that's just what de Bruin will want.

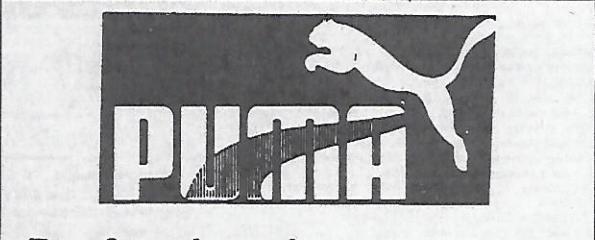
Blacktown will make Hakoah fight every inch of the way. Of course, they can be no doubt. The Blacktown players will be very eyed up here, as they try to erase the memory of the club's first enture and eventual failure at this level. While Blacktown may get the points here, they can grab a draw, and against Ha-

**BLACKTOWN:** Barry Hoare — Rob Wheatley, Chris Dunleavy, Cliff Pointer, Tony Rasmussen — Brett Thornthwaite, Gary Byrne, Stuart Selvage, John Stoddart — Phil O'Connor, John Larkin.

**HAKOAH:** The club still was trying to settle a few contractual differences with players as we went to press and we were unable to publish a possible line-up.



Phil O'Connor (right), playing for Australia, is



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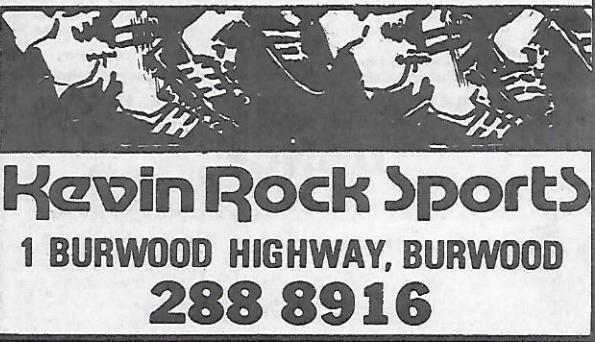
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# NSL proposes new system of transfers

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The NSL is groping in the dark, along with the rest of the world, for a solution to the problem of escalating transfer fees.

NSL management committee member David Dillon has come up with two possible solutions. His proposals have been sent to member clubs and leading journalists for critical appraisal.

Dillon's proposals call for the categorisation of players on the basis of age and quality, for transfer fees to be set in line with such categorisation and for players to receive a percentage of transfer fees.

His first proposal, for a voluntary transfer code to be adopted by NSL clubs and State federations, stipulates transfer ranges within categories and age groups, as shown by the table at right.

In this proposal, players get a maximum of 20 percent of transfer fees. That suggests that players may get varying percentages up to 20 percent and Dillon has provided no guidelines for deciding specific percentages.

His second proposal places players into two broad categories. The first, that of the beginning player (or first year player) includes players from overseas, from State Leagues, or from amateur or junior leagues who have not reached the 20-game figure, at which time they revert to the second category, that of the established NSL player.

The beginning player category allows such players to be transferred for "actual expenses incurred, excluding wages plus an ex-gratia payment of \$50 multiplied by the number of weeks with the club concerned."

The established player category breaks players into three groups (like Dillon's first proposal): Superior, above average and average.

Unlike in Dillon's first proposal, he doesn't here set specific transfer ranges. Rather, he suggests here that transfer fees be negotiated on the basis of the following criteria:

(A) Age, between 15 and 35. All others are free transfers.

(B) Transfer fees paid previously.

(C) Actual club expenses, excluding wages (proof required).

(D) Likely replacement costs.

(E) Agreed player quality (length of time with club; expectation of continued potential performance).

This proposal calls for transfer fees to be negotiated, on the above criteria, between the relevant clubs and, if necessary, by an appeal tribunal.

This proposed criteria is closely aligned to the criteria already in use at appeal tribunal level.

And, the terms used in this criteria are a major source of controversy between clubs and players. Dillon has not attempted to provide much-needed

... but forgets about signing-on fees and disappearing crowds

That decline is principally due to declining gate income, not to increased player demands, or unrealistic transfer fees slapped on players' heads by clubs.

Of course, that's why the NSL has regionalised its competition in the hope that more derby matches will attract more fans and clubs will become more solvent.

The problem curiously is hidden somewhere within near-barren terraces. The solution lies within that cloudy area called "providing a great match spectacle."

## Will Brisbane City be laughing all the way to the bank?



Peter Willis

### Willis optimistic about new NSL

By WALTER PLESS

Wollongong's 26-year-old fullback, Peter Willis, who once played for Leeds United in England, returned to Tasmania recently for a brief holiday. Willis had a couple of seasons in Tasmania with Rapid before joining Wollongong in 1980.

Clubs may not accept the restrictions of Dillon's proposals. Most club officials like to think that they are in the best position to negotiate the best possible deal for their club when buying or selling players. That never will change.

The outcry about escalating transfer fees in the NSL is, in my opinion, unwarranted when you take this year's wheeling and dealing as an example. The biggest transfer fee so far has been the \$22,000 paid to Heidelberg by Makedonia for Gary Cole, a 28-year-old in his prime, the leading scorer of all time in the NSL and a man with 33 appearances to his name. That's not a ridiculous figure.

Indeed, had Dillon's voluntary transfer code been in operation, Heidelberg could have held out for the \$24,000 ceiling stipulated in this code.

The hue and cry over transfer fees comes from club administrators who have viewed, almost terror-stricken, the decline in the level of club coffers in recent years.

bit unlucky. Failing to score a few more goals was our main problem.

#### What do you think about the new NSL set-up?

Once it gets started it won't be too bad. There's a lot more local derbies and, hopefully, the crowds will be better and, football-wise, it will be a bit more competitive. Sometimes, when you go long distances and there's been no supporters there, you don't feel any atmosphere. There might now be a bit more atmosphere as far as the local derbies are concerned and, hopefully, it'll be a better league.

Q: I believe you 'guessed' for Hobart City this weekend in their Italian Cup match against Juventus.

A: Yes, I did. It was enjoyable playing against Juventus and getting on the scoresheet in the 4-2 win.

Are you staying with Wollongong this year?

Yes. I signed just before I went on holiday.

What did you think of the team's performance last season?

We got off to a bad start last year. It's just one of those things really. We didn't get going straight away but we did well during the season, although we failed to score a few more goals. We got something like 15 draws and were just a

play?

I'm playing fullback again and I'm happy there. I like going forward. I tend to get forward from there and I scored a few goals last season.

What are your ambitions?

I'd like to win something in the National League while I'm playing in it. I'd like to play for another 5 years at least and then go into coaching in Australia. My wife and I are fairly settled here now. We've got good jobs and there's no reason why we should go back to England.

What is the major problem facing a regional side like Wollongong?

They've got no club, as such,

backing them like some of the clubs in Sydney with their poker machines. Wollongong just rely on their gate money and the committee run raffles and have to rely on things like that.

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# Rangers say yes, will Fiorentina, Aris follow suit?

Apart from playing against visiting teams at home in June, the Socceroos will visit China and Europe in November.

Glasgow Rangers have confirmed they will play against Australia at Ibrox Park, and matches against Fiorentina in Italy and Aris in Greece are also likely.

But first, the Socceroos will play three games against China on their way to Europe.

Fiorentina, Aris, Rangers, Notre Dame and Manchester United will tell the ASF within two weeks whether they will visit Australia in June.

But whatever their answer, the ASF has other teams standing by and is confident that there will be at least 12 games against touring teams in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and perhaps in Perth in June.



Giancarlo Antognoni

# Kiwis off to see the world

An eight or nine match world tour, undertaken at the end of this year, appears likely to serve as the keystone of New Zealand's World Cup build-up.

At this stage, only one game has been confirmed — against England "B" on November 13. The Kiwis hope, however, that the majority of other fixtures will be full internationals.

The national federations of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Portugal, Greece,

Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland also were contacted seeking senior encounters; though the letter two already have stated that their programmes are too congested to accommodate the All Whites. Replies are still awaited from the other seven.

A low key match against a Channel Islands selection is also envisaged, as four days training in Jersey is scheduled during the tour.

— PAUL MOON



Ron Tilsed

By  
PHILIP  
MICALLEF

## Tilsed's back, 3 years and 3 stone later

One person who will not have any first night nerves over the weekend's opening of the 1984 National League Season is Wollongong City goalkeeper Ron Tilsed.

The former Arsenal and England youth international is making a comeback after giving the game away entirely three years ago to set up a transport business in Sydney.

Tilsed, 31, was considered in his early playing days as a star in the making.

He was indeed voted "player of the series" as he helped England win the 1971 "Little World Cup" in Czechoslovakia.

A whole professional career lay at his feet and a subsequent move to Highbury seemed the launching pad for better things to come.

But it was not to be. Whereas other members of that victorious English youth team went on to become world famous players (Trevor Francis, for example), Tilsed found out he was not prepared for stardom.

"Success hit me too fast — I was not able to handle it properly," Tilsed said. What looked like a glittering career turned into a nightmare as Tilsed's fortunes dwindled.

After failing in England, Tilsed moved to South Africa before joining Canbe Arrows in their first National League season in 1977.

Tilsed played 50 NSL games before giving the game away altogether.

But four months ago Tilsed received a

telephone call from his old mate, Adrian Alston.

The former Socceroo told Tilsed the Wolves' goalkeeping position was up for grabs. Tilsed was told a contract with the Wolves awaited him if he could regain his fitness.

Tilsed grabbed this golden opportunity with both hands. A rigorous training schedule and a strict diet saw him lose 3½ stone in four months.

"I was amazed — it just fell off me," Tilsed said.

"But what pleased me most were my reflexes, which were just about intact."

Tilsed's "rehabilitation" seems to have rubbed off on the young Wolves players.

It is good for them to know there is a top, experienced goalkeeper behind them, bellowing instructions and egging them on.

Tilsed may seem like a cat on a hot tin roof in the Wolves penalty area.

He says he has been brought up that way. "A goalkeeper must be in command of his penalty area," he explained.

"One must dictate matters and be ready to start an attack when the opposition loses possession."

Tilsed was given the captain's role by Alston because of his "experience and personality"; but Alston may change his mind as the season gets into full swing.

"Tilsed is doing a great job for me in this respect but a goalkeeper sometimes is too far away from the action," Alston explained.

But now that midfielder Larry Gaffney has come to terms with the club, he may be given the skipper's role.

— PAUL MOON

## END FOR WILSON?

Richard Wilson may be willing to sacrifice his international future in order to gain a lucrative contract with a NSL club.

Wilson, who enjoyed an excellent season guarding Preston Makedonia's goal in 1983, has been negotiating with four clubs and realises that insistence upon a clause in his contract assuring release for international duty will diminish his bargaining power.

Australian clubs have suffered substantially in recent years from Kiwi players taking long leaves of absence to represent their country.

"Club soccer is my bread and butter," the newly-married Wilson was quoted as saying in a New Zealand newspaper.

He was added to the All Whites' 28 man Olympic squad in December — joining three other goalkeepers. The last of his 33 international appearances was made in the World Cup play-off against China early in 1982.

Although keen to play for New Zealand again, Wilson realistically assumes he has a long way to go again wearing the jersey with a silver fern

and will not make any declarations about his international intentions until the ink has dried on a club contract.

However, Wilson expresses doubts about the ASF's attempts to legislate against New Zealanders playing international soccer whilst attached to Australian clubs.

"FIFA will kick that out of the door," he confidently predicted. "Aussie players overseas seek a clause to play for the Socceroos, so the ASF has a weak argument."

— PAUL MOON

# Dilemma over Dunn, Stirton to J.U.S.T.?

Footscray J.U.S.T. was trying to sign Doveton striker Ian Stirton as we went to press and J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan was likely to rush the former Glasgow Rangers forward into the team for Sunday's big clash with Preston Makedonia at Connor Reserve.

Peter Ollerton has problems. So do I. Peter has to decide who to leave out of his team. I've got to find people to put into my team," said McLachlan.

Doveton Makedonia's player-coach probably will put himself on the bench for Sunday and big George McMillan looked likely to partner Ian Dobson in the centre of defence due to the problems of signing Robbie Dunn, which arose only last week.

The South Australian federation says that Azzurri, which received a transfer payment for Dunn from Makedonia, must give West Adelaide Hellas a transfer fee of \$10,000. The matter wasn't resolved as we went to press.

Makedonia's problems with clinching Dunn's transfer are minor when compared to the many problems confronting J.U.T.

Star J.U.S.T. striker Jamie Paton has been unable to throw off the effects of a knee injury and twice broke down at training last week. Graham Dunn, Sunshine Coast and Vlatko Bolic also missed last week's training due to injury worries but all three should be ready to face the might of Makedonia.

J.U.S.T. faces a seemingly hopeless containing task. It seemed likely that Joe Carroll and Zdravko Lujic would carry the responsibilities up front against Makedonia's solid defence of Ljubije Petrovski, McMillan, Dobson and Con Ospasini. That's some task for the blue-shirted boys from Footscray.

It also assumes that Stirton won't be signed in time. Even if he is, he's likely to be short of match fitness as he only returned from a holiday in his native Scotland last Saturday.

Kyriakouleas hadn't been sighted at J.U.S.T.'s training as we went to press. He's been working at Apollo Bay in a family concern. Kyriakouleas then, hasn't kicked a ball for over three months and even if he trains this week, he's unlikely to play at Connor Reserve.

That leaves Jim Davis, still

trying to improve his fitness and overcome a thigh injury, and Gary McDowell, at the heart of the J.U.S.T. defence, against Gary Cole and Claude Lucchesi.

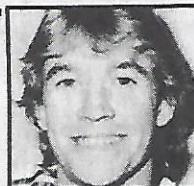
J.U.S.T.'s strongest line is in midfield and no doubt McLachlan will be banking on his players there to cut down the supply of balls to Cole and Lucchesi.

Makedonia goes into this game as a clear favorite. It should vindicate that label with a decisive victory.

It has the quality and depth to succeed this year and against a struggling outfit like J.U.S.T. it should get off to a flying start to its league title assault.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Steve Potter — Ljubije Petrovski, Ian Dobson, George McMillan, Con Ospasini — Graham Heys, Zarko Odzakov, Zoran Ilioski, George Campbell — Gary Cole, Claude Lucchesi.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Lou Tsigeras — Ken Taylor, Jim Davis, Gary McDowell, Igor Hazabent — Suliman Curovic, Vlatko Bolic, Brian O'Donnell, Graham Tutill — Joe Carroll, Zdravko Lujic.



Robbie Dunn



• Ian Stirton (right) in Doveton colors, is foiled in this scoring attempt by South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Mark Turudis. Hellas defender Chris Kalafatidis is at left. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

A draw would be a great result for J.U.S.T. really, it seems but a slim hope for its loyal fans.

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## Juventus chases Yankos, Campbell

Juventus has made a \$35,000 offer for Heidelberg stars Charlie Yankos and Jim Campbell.

Heidelberg, however, says it won't consider anything less than \$45,000 for the two.

Yankos said this week: "I'm happy with the terms and conditions Juventus has offered me, and if they're prepared to pay the transfer fee Heidelberg wants, I'm willing to go there."

Yankos submitted a written request for a transfer last Friday.

Meanwhile, Heidelberg has transferred John Spanos to Marconi for \$8000. Spanos is likely to make his Marconi debut, in midfield, against APIA on Sunday.

Heidelberg drew 1-1 with Makedonia at the weekend, with Mike Petersen scoring its goal.

Scott Patterson and Theo Vagias partnered Petersen in attack, and John Mataxis came on later as a substitute.

Pashalis Tzintzis and Mike Valentine remain out due to injuries and neither is likely to play in the opening NSL match against Hellas on Sunday.

Heidelberg has been trying to bring striker Derek Lee back from Scotland, and has expressed interest in Marconi forward Steve Winn.

It also made unsuccessful approaches for Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell of Adelaide Juventus.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



Oscar Crino with his trophy as best player of the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

## The Cup all-stars

The all-star team of the series, according to votes, is:

POTTER (Makedonia)	ORMOND (Croydon)	YZENDOORN (Hellas)	KALIFATIDIS (Hellas)
McKIE (H'berg)			
BISKIC (Croatia)	CRINO (Hellas)	ILIOSKI (Makedonia)	ZINNI (Juventus)
BROGAN (Croatia)	CUMMING (Croatia)		

In case of players tying for votes in a particular position, preference has been given to the player from the team that progressed further in the competition.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3** (Brown 16th, Halford 34th, Crino 60th) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 1** (Cumming 22nd). Buffalo Gold Summer Cup final at Olympic Park, last Saturday night. Crowd: about 12,500.

Referee: Fearn 7.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 9, Kalifatidis 7 — Davidson 7, Halford 8, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 9, Brown 7.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Parton 8, Adams 7, Hannah 7 — Biskic 6, Antolovic 6, Faulkner 5 (Markovac 75th), Gajevic 6 (Latif 63rd) — Cumming 7, Brogan 7.

Hail Hellas! What a match, what an atmosphere, and what superb goals and thrilling near misses. As predicted, this was a game to remember and over 12,000 fans witnessed this tremendous spectacle.

Hellas dominated in midfield, especially through Carl Halford and Oscar Crino. One of the surprises was the inability of Croatia's wide midfielders, Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic, to play prominent roles. Gojevic eventually being replaced by Ossie Latif in the second half.

With control in midfield, Croatia strikers Tommy Cumming and Dave Brogan didn't get the service needed to give Croatia a real chance in this final. However, Brogan battled his heart out. Too often, Brogan had to compete with Steve Blair for balls in the air. He'd be the first to concede Blair's superiority in this area, nevertheless, Brogan who at times looked more like a battering ram than the striker of silky skills we all know he is, refused to give in.

John Yzendoorn was immaculate in his sweeper's role. Yzendoorn and Egan were Hellas' best for miles.

Most sweepers become luxuriant, refusing to get forward and simply standing 10, sometimes 15 metres behind play. Not Yzendoorn. He's quick to size-up situations and quick to see the chance

to go forward. He also finds so much space once he breaks out of defence. It's going to be a real battle for Hellas this season.

Even ever elusive — made some stunning off-the-ball runs and with better finishing well could have earned himself a hat-trick.

Croatia reached the final in style, however, it never had come up against an opponent like Hellas, who was so proficient at closing down and pressuring in different areas of the park. And when Hellas did this, Croatia had answer. It was the outstanding feature of an absorbing contest.

A contest which didn't take long to burst into life. Doug Brown won't score a better goal than the one he deserved for this final. It was a special moment indeed when Egan chested the ball down for Brown, who controlled it in one instant and sent it screaming into the top far corner of goal in the next. Peter Blasby never moved as the ball cannoned against the stanchion and fell into the foot of the net. In the blink of an eye, we'd seen Brown's renowned shooting power at its explosive best.

Croatia's first chance had come four minutes earlier. A chain of short, fast passes, ended with Cumming playing the ball to Gojevic on the left of the Hellas area but Gojevic's low shot was well handled by Peter Laumets.

Hellas fans erupted when Brown struck. Croatia fans only had to wait for another six minutes before they too celebrated, but in between these goals, Brogan headed in superbly from a Josip Biskic free kick, only to have the goal chalked off in curious fashion.



Croatia's David Brogan (centre) heads the ball past Peter Laumets, for what appears to be a disallowed goal. Others pictured, from left, are Davidson, Sean Parton (rear) and Bobby Russek.

It was the flag of linesman Mike Gout which forced referee Jim Fearn to cancel Brogan's great goal, leaving most fans as mystified as the Croatia players.

But, scores were tied in the 22nd minute and there was no way anyone could take this goal away from Croatia. George Hannah struck an inch perfect 50 metre ball from his left back spot which found Cumming lying with Blasby. Blasby had just been passed the Hellas stopper and had headed at his mercy. Laumets came out but Cumming kept his head, slotting the ball low, wide of the Hellas goalie and inside the far corner.

Gojevic and Chris Kalifatidis were involved in a clash of heads in the 26th minute. Kalifatidis came off second best but after treatment, was able to continue and soon after, Brown almost struck again. He'd been put in position by Crino, who had combined superbly with Ken Murphy down the left, and Brown's shot whistled over the bar.

The sole blemish on an otherwise lion-hearted display from Croatia stopper Sean Parton came in the 34th minute. It resulted in a



Oscar Crino (left) prepares to weave past Jozo Antolovic (centre) and George Hannah before scoring Hellas's third goal.

## George Cross may shock a few

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1** (MacLaren 28th) **JUVENTUS 0**. Challenge match at Olympic Park, last Saturday night.

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:** Contini 6 — G. Bennett 7, Reilly 8, Richardson 7, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, Pate 7, MacLaren 7 — McGorian 7, Gilder 7, Bain 7.

**JUVENTUS:** Keogh 6 (Clayton H.T. 7) — Gormani 6, Rogers 7, Dowie 7, Hird 8 — Cullen 7, Lloyd 7, Miranda 7, Swincoe 6 — Sweeney 6, Ward 5.

Sunshine-George Cross deservedly downed Juventus 1-0 and showed enough, especially in the first half, to suggest that everyone predicting a season of struggle for the club should think again.

With Dennis Boland in goal, in front of a back four of Gerry Bennett, Steve Richardson, Jim O'Reilly and Chris Taylor, the Cross would be both solid and settled in defence.

Juventus badly missed Paddy Bannon, and injured Andrew Zinni, Vince Bannon and Fabio Incantalupo. Anyone who reckons that Paddy

Bannon wasn't one of Juve's better defenders in the recent Buffalo Gold Summer Cup has rocks in his head or plainly can't see.

Don MacLaren, who joined the 'Cross from Canberra this year, did well here. His performance culminated in a great solo effort resulting in the only goal of the game. We're giving the goal to MacLaren, although the shot he struck found the back of the Juventus net thanks to a Juve defender. The ball was goal-bound anyway.

John Stevenson's disposal was a feature of the game, as was Mick McGorian's aggression and running ability which constantly worried the

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## Coburg, Vale won't link

Victorian clubs Coburg and Pascoe Vale have had to sit down to amalgamate.

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Coburg, now in the Metropolitan Second Division, suddenly finds itself having to drastically revamp its team plans. It was relying on Pascoe Vale's players to provide the

new club — to be called Coburg-Pascoe Vale — with strong first team and reserve squads.

Coburg enjoys excellent facilities at its Hosken Reserve home ground, on the corner of Pallett Streets and Bakers Road, Coburg. Training is at 7 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and any players interested in playing Second Division soccer are welcome to attend training or phone club secretary Bob Malcolm at work on 338 5611 or home on 338 5483. The club phone number is 334 8174.

## VICTORIAN CUPS

### Metropolitan League Cup results from last weekend:

Altona City 2 Morabbin City 1; Ringwood United Serbia 0 Altona United 1; Werribee 1 Coburg 0; Werribee 1 Heidelberg 0; Werribee 1 Burwood 2 Heidelberg-Bundoora 1; Coburg 1 Henly Rangers 0; South Oakleigh 3 Keysborough 1; Brighton 1 Yarraville 5; Sunshine 2; Thomastown 1; Sunshine 2; Essendon 1; Frankston 1; Clifton Hill 6 Ferntree Gully 1; Bell Park 2 Rosanna 3 Essendon-Trestina 0; Springvale City 5; Waverley City 1; Moorabbin 0 after extra time; Ardeer 2; Springvale 2; Werribee 6; Ethun 2; Greenborough 1 Yarraville 2; Sandringham City 2 Werribee 1; Werribee 1; Cheltenham 4 South Dandenong 1

### Provisional League Reserve Cup results from last weekend:

North Sunshine 1 St Kilda 1; Malvern 1; Werribee 1; Frankston 1; Essendon 1; Diamond Valley 0; Cranbourne 0; Westerfield 1; Seaford 4; Seaford City 3; South Yarra 0; Ballarat not played; Abbotsford 2; Tasma 4; Cheltenham 1; Richmond United 4 Altona United 6

### Provisional League Cup results from last weekend:

Cheltenham 4 South Dandenong 1

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Can Box Hill beat the odds?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

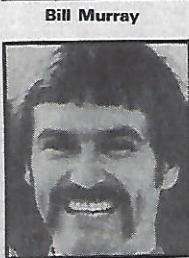
John Gardiner has an amazing success rate in Cup finals and Polonia fans will be hoping that their player-coach keeps up his record when Polonia clashes with Box Hill at Laura Douglas Reserve, Broadmeadows, on Sunday in the final of the 1984 Buffalo Cup at 3 pm.

Gardiner spent the latter half of the 1970's and early 1980's winning Cup after Cup with Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax and he'll be out to bring Polonia its first State League honor since it returned to the league in 1982.

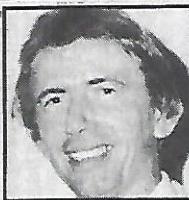
Surprise was the keynote of the Gardiner-masterminded plot which saw Croatia crush Juventus 7-0 in the 1981 Doekerty Cup final, but wonders what we can expect on Sunday. Back to that Doekerty Cup final.

Gardiner and Alan Kerr joined Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder up front from the kick-off and Juventus, without a player spare at the back, never was able to reorganise its defensive plans. It also never recovered from the shock of Croatia players switching positions freely. It was as if Juventus players were not the control of strings held in the expert hands of Gardiner, the puppeteer. Everything Gardiner did, worked on that unforgettable afternoon.

Box Hill coach Bill Murray, like Gardiner an astute planner, will be banking on his side to cope with Polonia's new-found organisation. There is a lot of running ability in the Box Hill line-up, but whether its players are of sufficient quality to match opponents of the calibre of Stefan Mila, Gardiner, Joe Tront, Dave Gibson, Noel Mitten and Janusz Przybyla, remains to be seen.



John Gardiner



## Venue angers Goulopoulos

Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos (pictured) is angry that Sunday's match against Hellas has been scheduled for Middle Park.

"At first, all these challenge games were to have been played on neutral venues, and we weren't even consulted before it was decided to play it at Middle Park instead," Goulopoulos said.

"What's wrong with Olympic Park on Sunday night?"

"If it's hot on Sunday, we'll lose a lot of spectators, but a night match at Olympic Park would be guaranteed of drawing a maximum crowd."

"And I don't think this match should be played in opposition to the other local derbies on the same day."

"It only will harm the attendances at the other matches."

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Highlights of these and other matches will be shown also at 7 pm on Monday.

The first NSL round will be previewed by Laurie Schwab, Les Murray and Mike Hill on "International Sports Magazine" on Friday night.

The show includes interviews with coaches Terry Hennessy of Melbourne Croatia and John Margaritis of Juventus (Vic), and Club presidents Alf Zahra of Sunshine-George Cross and Guy Spiteri of Green Gully Ajax.

By DAVID ANDREW

House was Knox's best forward but too often lacked support, with Polonia dominating in midfield. Indeed, Polonia came out of its defensive third far more effectively and often put the Knox back foot under pressure.

Janusz Przybyla, Polonia's Polish striker, struck the 28th minute, making a run from deep, rounding Gurney and Bissinger and striking the ball under the advancing Stuart McTurk to make it 1-0.

The Knox defence seemed overawed by some of the big name players against it, too often panicking and poor disposal only added to the pressure it was put under.

House, later in this half, made a solo run down the right, cut inside and rounded Mike Lukac only to waste the chance.

The early second half exchanges saw Knox applying pressure down the left, which resulted in a series of corners. Then

Murray, in a rare forward foray, crossed for Terry Masters to hit a first time effort just wide.

Polonia almost increased its lead when McTurk saved from Joe Tront but there was no stopping a Mitten goal in the 61st minute.

The former Frankston, Albion, Croatia and Morwell striker struck a superbly directed left foot shot into the top corner to make it 2-0.

It was substitute Keenan who produced Knox's best chance. That was in the 75th minute. He made a fine run down the left and chipped the ball over for Jeff Gerrish who blew the chance by blasting his shot far too high.

Polonia wrapped up the match with four minutes left. Przybyla, looking suspiciously close to being offside, broke clear and slotted the ball past McTurk seconds later and the Polonia striker was replaced.

Hillmen floor Falcons

By MIKE HARVEY

His cross found Jim MacLean but the Morwell skipper shot wide, a feat which was emulated by Bobby McGuinness after he had been put in a shooting position by a strong run down the right wing by Tony Van Baar.

However, the Hillmen could consider themselves a touch unlucky when they conceded the first goal somehow against the run of play. Jim MacLean won a loose ball in midfield and found McGuinness wide on the left. The little striker cleverly beat the opposition's full back and ran into the middle. The ball bounced awkwardly on the hard surface, and struck Darren White on the hand. Box Hill supporters breathed a sigh of relief when the referee indicated a free kick on the edge of the area, directly in front of goal, but their relief was short-lived, as Moore struck the ball perfectly over the wall, into the top left hand corner of the goal, leaving John McKinlay helpless.

This goal breathed new life into Morwell. McPhee did well to head off the line from Train with his keeper beaten, then Bingham blasted over from 20 metres and Don Lawler was forced to concede a corner under pressure from McGuinness and Train.

Box Hill started to regain composure.

White was proving to be a constant menace to the less mobile Falcon defenders and first tested Whiteside with a rasping drive from 30 metres, then a cheeky chip on the near post which almost deceived the Morwell custodian.

In the second half, Brian Keenan replaced Ray Tolmie who had been injured late in the first half, and his speed was to cause more problems for the home defence. But it was Smith who came close to equalising when he missed an easy chance after combining well with White, but with only Whiteside to beat, slid the ball just wide of the post.

Having weathered the early storm, Falcons got their act together, and John O'Callaghan and Steve Moore combined well to send Jim Train down the left flank just wide of the post.

It was a classic battle of youth against experience which some of the more cynical labelled soccer journalists, curiously parading their unique points of view in the Melbourne media, would have done well to witness.

Having been unfortunate enough to be present at the insipid encounter between Juventus and George Cross in the curtain raiser to the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup Final last Saturday, this match between Morwell Falcons and Box Hill clearly had infinitely more to offer in both commitment and enterprise, and not a little in basic skills and was much more worthwhile viewing. And all of this in conditions more suited to a pool-side party, sipping large, cool drinks!

Buffalo should be congratulated on providing the stimulus for this competition,

and maybe next year the minnows will be allowed to compete with some of the big fish in one all-embracing tournament.

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If there is a tie for the top scorer's award, penalty goals will be deducted. If there still is a tie, goals scored in Cup matches will be counted.

Last year's winners were Doug Brown (top scorer) and Phil O'Connor (best player).

With little to lose, Croatia constantly pushed forward but this was caught.

Hannah made the mistake of hanging back, as his three fellow defenders — Parton, Keith Adams and the tireless Tony Curcio, pushed up. Croatia lost the ball near the half way line and Crino broke quickly with a well-taken off-the-ball run down the left.

Everyone expected Crino to score, but though Crino had something else in mind, something totally individual and full of flair, the thing that truly great midfielders can express. Crino ignored Brown, wrongly it seemed at first, but after the Hellas midfielder waltzed past two opponents, then cut inside and swerved the ball into the far corner past Blasby's groping hands, he was beyond criticism. On the contrary, he was roundly and loudly lauded for a moment of unique artistry.

Hellas had its name written all over the cup.

But Croatia never gave up. Jozo Antolovic played a great through ball to Cumming in the 65th minute. Cumming completely missed it as Laura Douglas confronted him. The ball bobbed harmlessly wide of the near post.

Curcio was robbed by Egan in the 88th minute. Egan set up Brown whose first time shot was wide of the far post.

Alan Davidson and Egan combined in the 81st minute. Egan touched the ball back to Murphy but his low shot was wide of the far post.

A minute later, Brown drove the ball in from the right of the Croatia area. Murphy shot down and just failed to make contact. Davidson was at the back post. He too tried to get what would have been a decisive touch. He too missed by inches.

Minutes later, Halford, on the end of a great interpassing move involving Brown and Egan, struck a low shot past Blasby only to watch in dismay as the ball bounded against the far post and back out into play.

Then it was Croatia's turn with Cumming getting in the way of a Brogan shot. Two minutes later, in the 88th minute, Ossie Latif narrowly missed getting his head to a Cumming cross.

Not that it would have made much difference. Hellas was the better team.

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The victorious Hellas team after beating Croatia 3-1 in the final of the Victorian Buffalo Summer Gold Cup in front of a 12,000 crowd at Olympic Park on Saturday night:  
From left, standing: John Yzendoorn (holding Cup), Ken Murphy, Len McKendry (coach), Carl

Halford, Charlie Egan, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair,  
Peter Laumets, Oscar Crino.

Front: Doug Brown, Alan Davidson, Jim Karambokis, John Kanesoulis, Con Kiakos, Chris Kalafatidis, Mark Turudia.

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# 'Old brigade' shines as saints triumph

By ALEX VESIC



ST GEORGE — BUDAPEST 3 (Merton 25th & 80th, Skeen 71st) SYDNEY CITY — HAKOAH 1 (Boden penalty 8th) NSW Ampol Cup Final.

ST GEORGE: Scorer 8 — Skeen 9, M. O'Shea 8, Ratcliffe 8, R. O'Shea 8 — Stone 8, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, — Slater 7 (Ricoy 85), Koczek 6 (Petkovski 68'), Merton 9.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 9 — O'Rourke 6, Lynch 7, Cant 6, Gomez 7 — Kay 7, Rodriguez 7 (Patterson 61' — 6), Boden 9, Barnes 7, — Fletcher 8, De Marginy 5 (Bottalico 70').

CROATIA 1 (Arnold 30th). MARCONI 0, play-off for third place

CROATIA: Watson 7 — Woods 7, Tomasic 6, Sterry 7, Vidic 8 — Savor 7, Basic 7, Meades 8, Clinch 8 (21' M. Kovacic 61, — Arnold 8, Kirwan 7).

MARCONI: James 7 — Djordjevic 6, Calderon 6, Mariani 6, Carter 5 — Henderson 6, McCullough 6, Carboni 6 (Spanos 41' — 6) — Brown 6, Winn 5 (Licitia 62' — 6), Lowe 5.

## Graeme Arnold a Socceroo?

Croatia 1  
Marconi 0

Scorer: G. Arnold 30th.  
Referee: Arthur Owens 9.  
Crowd: 4,320.  
Ground: St George Stadium.

Strengthened by the appearance of Tom McCulloch and John Spanos Marconi put up an improved performance in this play-off for third place but never played well enough to challenge Sydney Croatia and in the end lost the match by the narrowest of margins.

I'd say that the score flattened Marconi for it was Croatia who did all the early running and could have scored a few goals by half time had its forwards scored from many opportunities presented.

As early as the ninth minute Steve Meades was through and with Shane in support and Paul Carter to contend with Croatia looked set to take the lead. But Meades froze inside the area and the chance went begging.

Midway through this period Marijan Kovacic came on for the injured Clinch and immediately was in the action with his midfield partner Wally Savor. A quick through ball by Savor and Kovacic was through with only James to beat. But hesitation by Kovacic allowed James to dive at the Croatia forward and save.

Five minutes later Marconi was not so lucky. Graeme Arnold was through and ran for goal to beat Tony Henderson to the aid of James but missed with his tackle leaving Arnold to clip his shot past the keeper and into the net.

Only a minute later, Arnold was through again, this time from a misdirected pass by McCulloch and looked set to score but James pulled off a brilliant save.

During the first half, Marconi managed to string together a series of passes just once and had one shot, but the ball went wide. It was far too little and far too unimaginative for a side that was supposed to have a good season in the NSL.

Les Scheinfug was unimpressed with his side and let it know his feelings at half time. Out went Attilio Carboni and in came John Spanos and Marconi came at Croatia early in the second half.

Early chances fell to Brown and Henderson. First it was Brown beating the keeper, but lobbing the ball in the process then came a miscreant Brown shot in the 53rd minute found Henderson some eight metres from goal. He swung at the ball and sent it sailing over the bar.

Brown missed again, badly, in the 59th minute. David Lowe ran around Tasmania then found his young Socceroo team mate, but Brown trapped the ball then slammed it high over the bar from six metres out!

With three minutes remaining Brown missed again. From only seven metres he shot wide, but Croatia missed at the other end in the dying seconds also. Kirwan rounded Mariani to face James then shot hurriedly and with accuracy but not hard enough to beat James.

For Croatia, this is the start of a new era in soccer. This newcomer to the NSL certainly is one of the better outfits and will do well in a side in this year's competition. In Bruno Vidic and Lee Ster-



John Spanos — from Heidelberg to Marconi for \$8000.

best defenders around, while Savor, Basic, Clinch and Meades show exceptional mobility and penetration.

Arnold, apart from scoring yet another goal, certainly has shown that he can score in the NSL and caught the eye of the national team manager, Andrew Lederer.

And what about Brett Woods and Marijan Kovacic?

A fine side indeed and with coach Attie Abonyi, one destined to do well.

For Marconi, things are just not going right. The loss of Tommy Sermani to Canberra is much greater than first anticipated.

Carter was all at sea at left back while Marconi's midfield never looked creative enough to trouble Croatia. Rod Brown was quick enough to get himself into space but wasted chances while David Lowe looked a little too full around the waist-line. He was unusually slow and will take some time to get fit.

The return of Rizotto and Mark Jankovics should add more stability to the backline and with hard work by coach Scheinfug, Marconi could get into a winning frame of mind.

CANBERRA 1 (Reis) NEWCASTLE 1 (Burke, Prime Minister's Cup at Seiffert Oval. Canberra won on penalties.

Referee: Glyn Davies.

A remarkable, nail-biting penalty shoot-out saw Canberra Arrows regain the Prime Minister's Cup at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval on Sunday night after the scores were deadlocked 1-1.

It took until the 15th penalty before the shoot-out was set-



NSW AMPOL CUP

St George 3  
Syd City 1

Scorer: Marton 2, Skeen (St.G.), Boden (pen SC).

Referee: Peter Rampley 6.

Yellow cards: Gomez (H), Marton (St.G.).

Crowd: 4,320.

Ground: St George Stadium.

Dez Marton, Kenny Boden and Todd Clarke, soccer veterans in their thirties, did much to delight this small crowd at St George Stadium with the laurels certainly going to the "old maestro" Marton, two-goal hero of St George and the man who decided the outcome of the Ampol Cup final.

Despite missing a penalty, Marton scored two great goals to pave the way for a comfortable victory and looked dangerous throughout this match. It was Marton who scored the equaliser and the winning goal.

His first was a gem. A long through ball by Ratcliffe found Marton running between two Hakoah players and into the penalty area. As Jay O'Rourke came in for the tackle, Marton turned and unstoppable drive from an angle, giving Clarke no chance.

His second goal was at the end of the best move of the match. Robert O'Shea came forward playing quick one-two's with Barton, then Slater, before crossing an ideal ball for Marton at the far post. Marton drove his shot hard but Clarke managed to block, only to see Marton put the rebound into the net.

Only seven minutes later, in the 67th minute, Marton was on a hat-trick. And while he lined up his penalty attempt it was Frank Arok, the coach of St. George, who kept calling out "Robbie O'Shea, Robbie O'Shea" from the sideline. However, Marton was on a hat-trick and he took the shot, aiming low to the keeper's left. Clarke was equal to the task making yet another brilliant save, but Marton bounded onto the loose ball only to see Clarke save yet again!

"I was happy for him," said Marton after the game. "He is still one of the best keepers around."

Only a few minutes later, Saints made sure of the Ampol Cup for 1984 with yet another blistering move. Peter Stone drew one defender before slotting a pass for Skeen to run onto and score.

Clarke capitulated three times, but was certainly his side's best player, saving on numerous occasions. His save from a John O'Shea rocket-like drive midway through the first half was vintage Clarke, and his second half display drew admiration applause from the crowd.

Robbie Slater's header in the 76th minute looked a goal all the way before Clarke moved to his left to save. In the 85th minute with Saints running with confidence it was Peter Petkovski who had his chance, after a cross by David Skeen, but Clarke was giving all he could at the feet of Petkovski to block the shot.

Then, with three minutes to go, it was Barton who looked certain to score after

Gomez missed the ball! Clarke was there again, saving with ease. And with seconds remaining and Petkovski running through to face Clarke, the Hakoah keeper came out of his area to clear. The whistle went for the end of the match at the 88th minute but Clarke could not help adding to the attitude of the keeper. He was fast, fast and still full of enthusiasm. And what about Kenny Boden?

"I wonder what the man is nicknamed," said an admiring Arok after the match. Praise indeed from Australia's premier coach.

Boden long will be remembered for this effort. He "rolled" quite a few players on the day, showing what this great game is all about. It is players like Boden that we need and the game needs, for he is the kind of player who will bring people to the terraces. He scored from a penalty, early in the match, and was a constant threat to the St. George side.

Saints and St. George produced one of the best finals for many years and contributions came from all angles. From the organisation of this cup final, with a pre-match luncheon at the Fisherman's Club opposite the St. George Stadium, to the game and post match presentation, one could not wish for a better afternoon.

And what of the winners? Well, it is hard to go past the O'Sheas' brothers. Mike and Robert have developed into one of the best tackling machines in the business, while John is as smooth in attack and as tough in defense as one would wish to have. His distribution is first class and his attitude to the game unparalleled.

David Ratcliffe — Saints' Beckenbauer — was at his usual perceptible best, while David Skeen definitely has become one of the most feared defenders-come-attackers in the game. He just runs and runs and runs. What tremendous stamina he has.

In the end, it's say that the better team won, but had the result been 6-2 it would most probably best reflect the chances in this match. Saints had a glut of possession, and more penetration and chances. Saints' attack varies from a slow, methodical approach along the by-line to the fast counter attacking moves through the middle which smell of goals all the time.

Ratcliffe's header from a Marton free kick was misdirected from close range in the 11th minute Slater completely miskicked with only Clarke to beat in the 23rd minute, Barton sent a weak shot from only seven metres straight at Clarke in the 29th minute, Marton was around Clarke in the 42nd minute, Marton missed a penalty in the 67th minute, while Ricoy in the 85th and Barton in the 87th, had chances which went astray.

For Sydney City, it was Fletcher who had the first chance after only six minutes but lobbed the keeper and the crossbar, then came another shot from Fletcher which just cleared the bar in the 16th, then Fletcher again in the 32nd but Fraser was at his feet to save. Fletcher's fourth opportunity came in the 87th when he shot over the bar from 10 metres.

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The second half was much better and within four minutes a well-struck shot from Canberra newcomer Andrew Brockbank had Gosling pulling out a full-stretch, fingertip save to push for the corner.

And in the 59th minute a breakaway Newcastle move saw them move ahead. It was Sernalski who did the lead-up work, and when he crossed, Peter Burke ghosted from behind Canberra's Tony Redmond and thumped the ball into the net.

Six minutes later Canberra was level when a well-flighted cross found Phil Reis unmar-



Tommy Sermani — now with Canberra.

**SERMANI TO CANBERRA FOR \$10,000**

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra Arrows and Marconi, after weeks of bitter wrangling, have settled the transfer of midfielder Tommy Sermani for a reputed \$10,000.

It was Collins who brought Sermani, an attacking mid-fielder, to Marconi — for free.

And it was Marconi's initial \$20,000 transfer listing of Sermani, the amount subsequently being reduced to \$15,000 by an appeal by the player to the NSL.

It is not known whether Sermani's re-entry was granted before departure and exactly how much of his previous temporary entry visa remains.

If Sermani gets into Australia before mid-day on Friday Collins will play him on Sunday.

"I have never digressed from my stance that Sermani was the player I most wanted," said Collins.

"We know each other well and he's good on the park — and in the dressing room with other players. He's an asset to any club."

The Victorians, however, played without injured stars Fabio Incaluppo, Vince Bannon and Paul Drinckwitz, while Andrew Zinni managed only one half.

Charlie Villani (penalty) and Steve Maxwell scored in the goals in the 33rd and 74th minutes.

Best players were Neville Flounders, Villani, Maxwell and Joe Mullen for Adelaide City, and Billy Rogers, Rob Cullen, Gary Ward and John Dowie for the visitors.

In other Adelaide news, West Adelaide Heats has transferred mid-fielder Charlie May for \$60,000 and Glen Dods (ex-Adelaide City) has turned down an offer to join Melbourne club Sunshine-George Cross which also has shown interest in Adrian Santac and Martyn Crook.

## 15th penalty win for Canberra

CANBERRA 1 (Reis) NEWCASTLE 1 (Burke, Prime Minister's Cup at Seiffert Oval. Canberra won on penalties.

Referee: Glyn Davies.

A remarkable, nail-biting penalty shoot-out saw Canberra Arrows regain the Prime Minister's Cup at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval on Sunday night after the scores were deadlocked 1-1.

It took until the 15th penalty before the shoot-out was set-

ties in Canberra's favor . . . with big full-back Roy Jones finally hammering home the penalty after a save by Clarke.

But this was not a pleasing pre-season performance for either side.

For my money Canberra was the better side, more creative and cohesive, but my how it lacks pep and finish up front.

It needs Frank Brennan for that matter, if the club and Brennan can resolve their differences.

Newcastle, having lost so many experienced players in the close season, is a rugged and willing team but lacks finesse.

Coach Ken Kaiser, one imagines, can look forward to at best a mediocre season.

The first 45 minutes brought precious little action, the best of it being a superb early save from Canberra's Tony Franklin from a close-range thunderbolt by Joe Sernalski; a similar, reflex save by Newcastle's Clint Gosling from Hilton Phillips in the 32nd minute and a structured, cultured three-touch Canberra move that saw Hogg shoot across the face of the goal with striker Marko Perinovic unable to connect.

Cotton scored three and Jackson one for Penrith.

Here Doug Collins has a problem. Young Perinovic still doesn't look NSL material to

## Cotton gets three

Penrith 4  
Blacktown 2

Roy Cotton scored three goals for Penrith City and Phil O'Connor scored one for Blacktown in a friendly pre-season game played between the league comers last Sunday.

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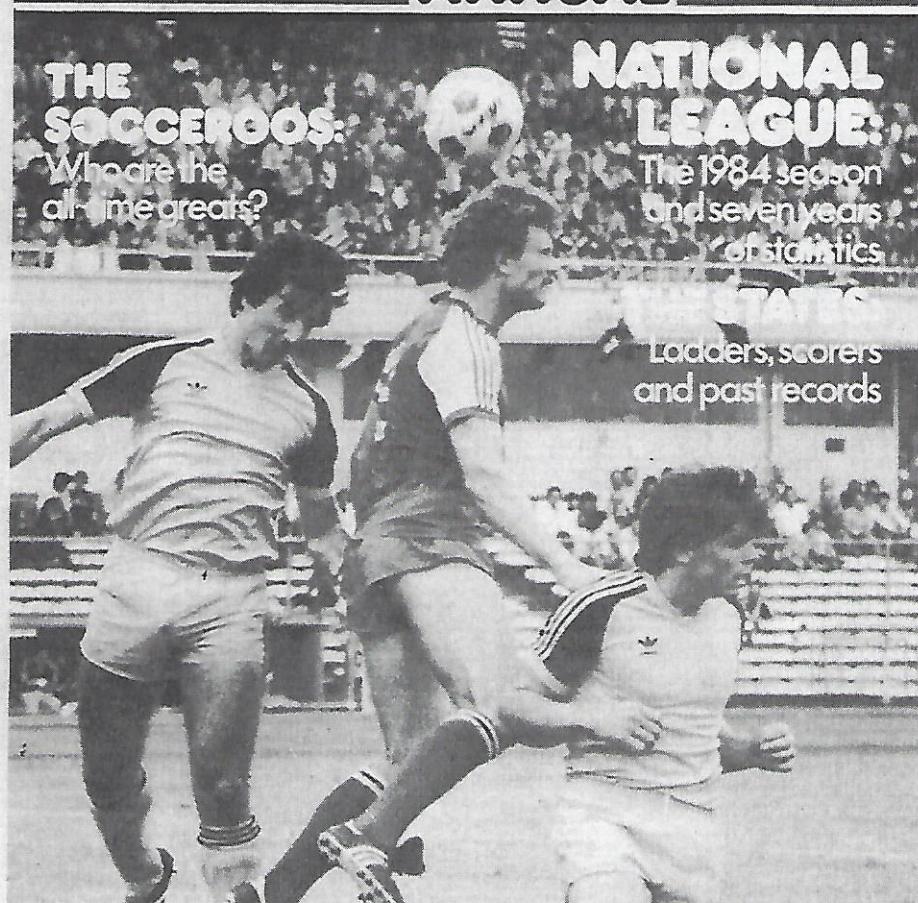
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# West makes semis but lacks striking power

West Adelaide  
Hellas secured an Ampol Cup semi-final berth after its third straight win, but coach Sam Salabasidis has problems with the start to NSL just a few days away.

West struggled to one goal wins against Azzurri (1-0), Croatia (2-1) and Polonia (1-0) and while its defence has been reasonably compact, its lack of striking power looms as a major problem, as it was last year.

Salabasidis was interested in South Melbourne's transfer-listed Steve Woodin, but the \$8000 fee is a bit rich considering the Kiwi star could move back to NZ with a free clearance at the end of the year.



## South Australian Ampol Cup

West instead has focused on a State League player who could move to the club after the Ampol Cup.

If Salabasidis could solve the striking problem, West could be an NSL force because it now is playing with some fluency.

West had to wait until the last minute to secure both points against Polonia — a Tim Brown header from a corner kick.

In the other game played at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night, Beograd made sure of a semi-final spot

with an easy 2-0 win over Para Hills.

Goals from Arezina and Kalinovic ended Para Hills' interest in the Cup.

The final preliminary round will be played tonight (Wednesday) with Azzurri and Croatia meeting in the early game and Adelaide City taking on Birkalla.

Azzurri needs only to draw to qualify while Croatia must take both points.

Adelaide City should have little difficulty in joining Beograd from Group B, but

needs to beat Birkalla to avoid West in the semi-finals.

City was impressive in its first Ampol Cup match, beating Para Hills 4-0 with Peter Rankin completing a hat trick.

However, Beograd gave it a fight by holding it to a 1-1 draw in the following match.

**Details:**  
WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Brown 79th, 2 (Arezina 12th, Kalinovic 33rd) PARA HILLS 0.

**GROUP A**  
W D L F A Pts

West Adel... 3 0 4 1 6

Azzurri..... 1 0 1 2 1 2

Croatia.....	0	1	1	2	3	1
Polonia.....	0	1	1	1	4	1
GROUP B						
Beograd.....	1	2	0	4	2	4
Adelaide City.....	1	1	0	5	1	3
Para Hills.....	1	0	2	2	6	2
Birkalla.....	0	1	1	3	1	

*All the results:*

January 25: BEograd 1 (Sarac) BIRKALLA 0 (Hayes); WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Honeyman) AZZURRI 0.

February 1: ADELAIDE CITY 4 (Rankin 3, Villani 1) PARA HILLS 0; Croatia 1 (P. Blute) POLONIA 1 (Witwicki).

February 8: WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Honeyman, Malavazos) CROATIA 1 (T. Blute) PARA HILLS 2 (Gellina, Williams) BIRKALLA 0.

February 15: ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell) BEograd 1 (Loyland); AZZURRI 2 (Wilde, Dunn); POLONIA 0.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS

## Tansey still is open to offers

**Jim Tansey, the man who saved Heidelberg from the wooden spoon last year, still is open to offers, after being rejected by Heidelberg's new coach, Brian Garvey.**

Garvey rejected Tansey, apparently because he thought Tansey's return may cause friction.

Tansey as player-coach at Heidelberg, inspired a spectacular, late winning run, which lifted the team up the ladder.

He was offered the coaching job again this year, but the committee opted to bring Garvey out from England instead.

Although Tansey, along with Gary Cole, Jim Campbell, and Jeff Oliver, announced early this year they would quit the club, the committee decided to ask him to return two weeks ago.

It came as a shock, therefore, that Garvey went against the committee's wishes.

Here's how Tansey tells it:

"When I came back from holidays, the president, Sam Goulopoulos, rang me and said the club did not want to lose me, or Jim Campbell, Charlie Yankos and the others who were saying they wanted to leave.

"Sam said now that the club had established the ground, it was anxious to get players to strengthen the squad, and that he wanted me to stay.

"I said OK, I'll go back to training, but first I'd have to ring Brian Garvey."

"When I rang him, though, he said no, I shouldn't come to training. He said it would not be beneficial if I came. It wouldn't be doing any good."

"I said that's your opinion; you're welcome to it."

Asked whether he thought Garvey may feel threatened by having the former coach in the team, among the tension already created by transfer requests, Tansey said:

"It could be, I suppose. Without knocking the boy, I suppose he could feel threatened if I go down there."

So Tansey remains on the market.

He is available for a \$5000 transfer fee — a bargain for the sweeper or full back who has played 41 games for Australia and won the Victorian Rothmans Medal while with Slavia.



Jim Tansey and one of the major injuries sustained with Heidelberg.

## BEAUDIE STARKIE SAYS HAWKIE

For a galaxy of players — many in the veteran class — all roads led to Canberra last week for the Roy Stark testimonial game against Canberra Arrows.

They gave their services free as a tribute to Stark, a former Arrows skipper forced out of the game in 1981 with a crippling knee injury.

Stark's all-stars won 1-0 — with a 61st minute goal by Duncan Cole — although no-one can say the Arrows players were tackling as hard as they could have.

It was a night of nostalgia. The original Canberra City team against its replacement — the Canberra Arrows.

Stark played at the beginning and end — and other well known faces included goalkeeper Ron Tilsed (now with Newcastle), Adrian Alston, Vic Fernandez, Jimmy Cant, Johnny Davies, Isaac Farrell, Danny Moulis, Steve Kojza, Ivan Grujicic — and many others.

And some 600 fans saw many of them still possessing

fine skills — if not their original pace.

It was a fun night — one to savor and remember.

Even the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, sent a telegram.

It summed up Stark's career — and his fondness by many fans — with these parting words: "Roy Stark was a valued leader until 1981 when he sustained his tragic knee injury."

"Best wishes Roy, for a memorable testimonial and for the future."

And a memorable testimonial it certainly was.

— PETER WINDSOR

## AKOUTAS—WHAT A WASTE!

George Akoutas, one of the most talented fullbacks to come out of Sydney Olympic's soccer nursery is to retire from soccer!

This youngster was one of the stars of the Sydney Olympic youth side a few years ago and played alongside Dakos, Patalis and Coulter under the guidance of Ljubo Gajic.

He was also a part of the side which competed so successfully against the Hungarian



**TASMANIAN SCENE**  
with Walter Pless

Phoenix —

hammered but hopeful!

Newly-promoted Phoenix is looking to do well in this year's Tasmanian Cadbury State League despite its 1-6 loss at the hands of reigning champion, Juventus-Pioneer, in a friendly last weekend.

"I'm very pleased with how the side is shaping up," says coach, Gerry Marron. "As far as the result against Juventus is concerned, I don't think there is really a five goal difference between the sides. If we had had our new goalkeeper from Clarence, Matthew Richmond, we wouldn't have conceded so many goals."

As well as Richmond, Phoenix is confident of signing Brett Nichols from Caledonians and the Juventus-Pioneer captain of last season, Alan Burton. Top goalscorer, Mick Walker, has left the club, however, to become playing coach of Kingborough. Phoenix's two previous results in pre-season friendlies have been a 0-6 loss to Metro-Claremont and a 5-2 win over Kingborough. Coach Marron maintains there is a positive mental attitude at the club and says that this is partly due to the help and advice given by the Tasmanian Soccer Association which held talks with the club to make it aware of the demands of playing in State League.

In the match against Juventus, Jarvis scored for Phoenix while Broadhouse (3), Ward, Nichols and Pace scored for Juventus.

Juventus has signed Andrew Leszczynski following his return from Brisbane Lions, as well as another youngster, Damon Cuthbertson, who just has returned to Tasmania after spending a couple of seasons in South Australia.

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Olympia and Juventus-Pioneer continue to perform well in pre-season friendlies leading up to the opening round of the Michael The Tailor Summer Cup competition on Sunday, March 4.

Olympia defeated Metro-Claremont 5-0 recently with Peter Sherman and Perry Forster continuing where they left off last season by scoring two goals each. Roger Munro netted the fifth goal.

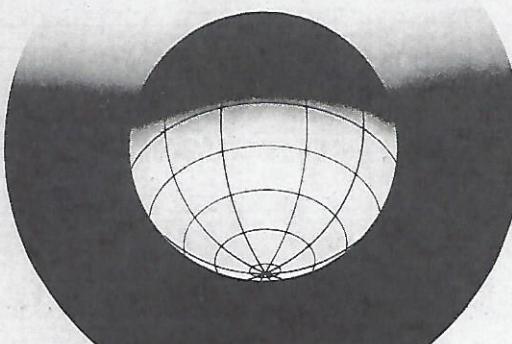
Juventus-Pioneer sent both its first and reserve sides north to play Ulverstone and they returned to Hobart victorious. The Juventus senior team defeated Ulverstone 4-1 while the reserves went one better to win 5-1.

national team and Vojvodina in a tournament organised by St George Budapest and he was in the side which won St George 4-0 with Gajic as Sydney Olympic's first team coach.

However, since the departure of that coach the youngster has had a lean time and is now on the verge of retiring from soccer.

What a waste!

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# Parte la Lega Nazionale

**VIVA ITALIA!**  
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Andrea Zinni e' la miglior speranza per una vittoria juventina contro il Croatia nella prima di campionato; per segnare egli dovrà però battere Sean Parton (a destra) il giovane difensore croato ... che però potrebbe giocare in maglia bianconera. Foto LES SHORROCK.

Per domenica saranno sicuramente inutilizzabili Paul Drinoczyk (che starà fuori per un paio di mesi), Vince Bannon (che starà fuori per almeno un paio di settimane e che a metà campionato si assenterà per un altro mese a causa di un viaggio in Scozia), Fabio Incantalupo (che starà fuori almeno un mese, se non due), Andrea Zinni (probabilmente qualche settimana, ma le sue condizioni non sono eccellenti).

Mentre l'assenza di Incantalupo, per una strana combinazione di affollamento in fatto di attaccanti, non e' la fine del mondo; l'assenza di Vince Bannon e di Drinoczyk e' molto grave se si aggiunge al fatto che Pat Bannon ha deciso, definitivamente a quanto sembra, di appendere le scarpe al chiodo; decisione che non fa una piega ma che purtroppo e' stata messa in atto senza che si sia trovato un valido rincalzo poiché Rogers, che probabilmente giocherà in posizione di libero, e' da considerare solo un ripiegno.

Percio' non vorremmo essere nei panni di Margaritis poiche' nel tecnico deve trovare qualche soluzione ad un problema molto grave: rimpicciolire tra quanti della difesa! Naturalmente tutti questi problemi non si sono verificati la settimana scorsa e i provvedimenti (leggi acquisti di difensori) avrebbero dovuto esser presi prima.

Con alcuni centrocampisti che probabilmente dovranno essere impiegati in difesa (Rogers, Dowie e forse J.Miranda), e' ovvio che anche il centrocampio potrebbe risentire della situazione difficile in difesa. E l'attacco non si puo' dire che non abbia i suoi problemi, poiche' con tutti i compromessi che si rendono necessari anche questo reparto e' piuttosto lontano da una situazione di normalita'.

Almeno per ora Ward e Sweeney non sembrano esser capaci di segnare le reti che

ovviamente che la Juventus schiererebbe gli attaccanti in attacco, i centrocampisti a centrocampo ed i difensori in difesa! Ci vuole tanto a capire che la Juventus si e' caricata di doppiioni in certi reparti e non ha abbastanza giocatori di ruolo in altri reparti?

E' talmente ovvio che il club sarebbe seriamente intenzionato a continuare ad acquistare giocatori per riparare a questa mancanza di bilancio.

I nomi che stanno sul taccuino dei responsabili juventini sono tutti grandi nomi: Jim Campbell, dell'Heidelberg, considerato tra molti il migliore centrocampista d'Australia in funzione d'attacco segna, in funzione di centrocampista a gioco, in funzione difensiva riesce a conquistare la palla); Charlie Yankos, anche dell'Heidelberg, da molti considerato il miglior difensore centrale d'Australia (lo vorrebbero persino in Inghilterra); Sean Parton, del Croatia, giovane, fisicamente molto dotato e capace di giocare come centrocampista e come terzino.

Questi tre giocatori ovviamente risolverebbero tutti i problemi della Juventus e facendo segnare sarebbe anche la cura della sterilita' dell'attacco juventino, ma ovviamente costerebbero una tombola, oltre al fatto che forse nemmeno i soldi potrebbero essere sufficienti ad assicurarsi tutti e tre poiché' le loro squadre di appartenenza non sono completamente contente di darli via ed altre squadre stanno comunque facendo loro la corte.

Considerando pero' che Campbell, Yankos e Parton fossero completamente disponibili a passare alla Juventus, rimane il problema dei soldi: \$30,000 aggiungi o togli alcuni bigliettini da mese.

Faccendo i conti in tasca alla Juventus in modo superficiale,

questi soldi ci dovrebbero essere perche' il club fin' la stagione scorsa con un profitto di gestione di circa \$50,000 e fino ad ora ha ottenuto sponsorship di almeno altri \$60,000 per la corrente stagione! Ma e' ovvio pero' che questi \$160,000 non stanno a marcire in banca (debiti di precedenti gestioni, gli acquisti già fatti quest'anno, e le molte altre spese che debbono essere affrontate giornalmente).

E' anche ovvio pero' che questi \$160,000 sono entrati perche' il club ha un comitato di ottimi uomini d'affari e perche' il discreto successo della squadra l'anno scorso, assieme all'ammissione in Lega Nazionale, ha creato uno situazione favorevole intorno al club; il comitato di ottimi uomini d'affari e' ancora in carica (anzi e' addirittura migliorato rispetto all'anno scorso) se la squadra dovesse avere successo anche in Lega Nazionale, i fatti pensare che i quasi \$160,000 potrebbero essere soltanto l'inizio di una valanga di soldi che continuerebbero ad arrivare da ulteriori accordi di sponsorship, da ulteriori tesseramenti, da ulteriori ottimi incassi alle partite, da ulteriori ottimi incassi dalle funzioni sociali ... e cosi' via.

D'altra parte, se la squadra dovesse fare cilecca, le ottime possibilta' di ottimi incassi futuri farebbero altrettanto cilecca! Guardando perci' alla situazione finanziaria sotto questo punto di vista i \$50,000 per acquistare Campbell, Yankos e Parton (o altri dello stesso calibro della stessa età, non altri doppianti), non solo si potrebbero spendere ma diventerebbero l'ineluttabile "investimento" per assicurarsi il possibilissimo profitto!

La decisione, naturalmente non e' di chi scrive queste note, ne' del comitato da solo: e' di tutta la tifoseria, di tutti gli uomini d'affari vicini alla Juventus, di tutti i potenziali sponsor, di tutti i potenziali soci.

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## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

### BLACKTOWN CITY v SYDNEY CITY

GABBIE STADIUM 4 pm

Previous NSL Results

Sydney City 3 wins

1 draw



Phil O'Connor



Murray Barnes

### CANBERRA ARROWS v WOLLONGONG CITY

BRUCE STADIUM 3 pm

Previous NSL Results

Canberra 2 wins

Wollongong 2 wins



Peter Willis

### LEICHHARDT v MARCONI

HENSON PARK 3 pm

Previous NSL Results

Leichhardt 5 wins

Marconi 2 wins

3 draws



Bobby Parks



David Lowe

### MELITA EAGLES v SYDNEY CROATIA

MELITA STADIUM

3 pm



Steve Moolas

### PENRITH CITY v NEWCASTLE

COOK PARK 3 pm



Roy Cotton



Clint Gosling

### ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ST GEORGE STADIUM

3 pm

Previous Results NSL

Olympic 5 wins

St. George 1 win

1 draw



Peter Katholka